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Long Beach Man Sentenced to Prison for Firebomb Attack

A 30-year-old man was sentenced today to 39 years, eight months to life in state prison after he was convicted of throwing a Molotov cocktail that set a man on fire, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On July 1, a jury found Jacob Timothy Lagarde of Long Beach guilty of six felony counts: two counts of arson of property and one count each of attempted murder, explosion with intent to murder, explosion causing mayhem or great bodily injury and arson of structure in case NA093763.

Deputy District Attorney Rachel Hardiman, who prosecuted the case, said on Oct. 19, 2012, Lagarde was caught on surveillance video stealing a bottle of beer from a liquor store, then filling it with gasoline.

The defendant then made a Molotov cocktail with the beer bottle and threw it at a 54-year-old man who was sitting outside a Long Beach market, the prosecutor said.

The victim caught fire, as well as the outside of the building and other property. Authorities were called and the injured man was sent to the hospital with severe burns on his body, the prosecutor added.

Following the attack, police released video of the assault, which led to the arrest of Lagarde four days after the attack, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Long Beach Police and Fire departments.

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